

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club Inc.

Hamateur Chatter



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The following page lists a number of important events happening over the coming months. Events are open to **ALL** interested parties, you do not have to be a MRAC member.

A note about Superfest this year. Superfest 2019 is also the ARRL Central Division Convention with MRAC as a co-sponsor. This is due to 2019 being the 100th anniversary of club affiliation between MRAC and ARRL. MRAC was one of the first group of 10 clubs to affiliate. Per a letter from ARRL of 1/28/1970, the other 9 clubs could not be contacted (at that time) making MRAC the oldest / longest affiliated of all affiliated clubs. The weekend of Superfest also includes a dinner Friday evening, September 27, in celebration of this anniversary. Everyone is invited to attend (reservation form attached). Not just for MRAC, help show ARRL (ARRL CEO will be in attendance along with division Section managers from Wis, Ill, and Ind) and major ham equipment manufacturers that the upper Midwest ham community is an active group and worthy of their attention.

This "newsletter" will be published sporadically, just often enough to bring the membership and others important announcements regarding club activities. Do you have some info that should be here? Better yet, would you like to take responsibility to produce this (and get your name in the above list)?

Upcoming Events:

Saturday August 10 — MAARS / MRAC Picnic —

Greenfield Park (enter from 124th St, between Lincoln and Greenfield Ave, Picnic Area #2 across from "Cool Waters". The clubs provide the main course of flat and tubular meats and corn on the cob as well as water and soda. Bring whatever else you can. Features the famous "HT Toss" event. Come to the picnic and beat the Superfest rush to get your raffle tickets (see below).

Saturday September 7 — Fire / Police / EMT Expo -

MATC South Fire training area (the same area as the MRAC / MAARS Field Day) Featuring Special Event station W9RH by MRAC (for the event as well as MRAC's 100th anniversary of ARRL affiliation) and amateur radio display. This is a free event put on by MATC for the general public showcasing the Fire, Police, and EMT departments throughout Milwaukee County and beyond. Features a parade and display of vintage fire and police vehicles (including the car owned by Barry Sprifke W9BLS) as well as a number of demonstrations. 2018 was the first year the event was held.

Friday– Sunday September 13-15 — Maker Faire Milwaukee —

Wisconsin Center (downtown Milwaukee). Due to the location and the logistics involved, and a busy few weeks, MRAC will not be participating (even though the club received a Blue Ribbon "Maker of Merit" at the 2017 show). If someone or another club wishes to mount an amateur radio exhibit, contact Dave Schank KA9WXN for contact info.

Friday-Saturday September 27-28 — HRO Superfest / ARRL Central Division Convention co-sponsored by MRAC (HRO store 5710 W. Good Hope Rd.)

Friday evening September 27 — 100th Anniversary of ARRL Affiliation Celebration Banquet — Hilton Garden Hotel, Park Place. Dinner cost is \$25. MRAC is the oldest, longest ARRL affiliated club. Featuring Howard Michel WB2ITX, ARRL CEO as guest. Reservations must be in by September 13. **See attached reservation form.**

NOTE: To keep the cost reasonable for attendees, there is a raffle taking place. Icom has provided an IC-7300 HF transceiver for raffle. Raffle tickets are available for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Raffle tickets and monies must be handled in person, mail is not allowed. Ticket sales are limited to 250 tickets so your odds are not too bad. The drawing will be held at the dinner. **NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

Saturday October 19 — JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) -

Scouting and amateur radio. MRAC participates with the 3 Harbors Council of Boy Scouts located at 330 S. 84th St. (just north of State Fair Park). Hours are 9-Noon (plus setup and tear down). More details to follow.



Just for a reminder:

NETS:

Monday 7:30 PM 145.390 MHz C4FM Fusion DN (MinWis Fusion Technical Net)

Friday 8:00 PM 28.490 MHz USB

Friday 9:00 PM 145.390 MHz FM 127.3 HZ CTCSS

Saturday 7:00 PM 145.390 MHz C4FM Fusion DN

INTERNET:

Web: www.w9rh.org

Email: w9rh@arrl.net

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MRAC.W9RH

Yahoo group: see link on web page

YouTube: search for "MRAC 100 years"

or use the link— <https://youtu.be/i947F-Uomg>

REPEATER:

Located at the Community Repeater Site, Humbolt Ave and Capitol Dr, Milwaukee

Receive antenna 730 feet on tower / transmit antenna 630 feet on tower

145.39 MHz -600 KHz

Analog FM 127.3 HZ CTCSS

C4FM Yaesu Fusion (one of the oldest Fusion repeater sites in the country)

Yaesu WiRES X capable

NOTE: If using WiRES, please disconnect when finished. Not turn off your radio, not change frequency, DISCONNECT FROM THE ROOM YOU HAD CONNECTED TO! Be courteous to other users, thank you.

MEETINGS:

General meeting the last Thursday of each month (except for July, August and December) at 7 PM in the basement of

Redemption Lutheran Church

4057 N. Mayfair Rd. Milwaukee

ARISS Project Work Gathering:

The first Saturday of each month 11 AM at the HRO store

5710 W. Good Hope Rd. Milwaukee

Why not bring a friend to a meeting?

Growing the club only helps amateur radio in the Milwaukee area!

Club Info





*You Are Invited to the
100th Anniversary
Celebration Banquet
of the
Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
affiliation with the ARRL*

*Friday, September 27, 2019
5:00pm - 9:00pm*

Hilton Garden Inn Milwaukee Northwest Conference Center Hotel

*11600 W Park Place
Milwaukee, WI 53224*

*Cost: \$25 per person
Dress: Business Casual*

We invite all Southeastern Wisconsin amateur radio operators and their families to help us celebrate a milestone: 100 years of our club's continuous affiliation with the American Radio Relay League!

An evening of food, fun, and favorite stories is planned, so please **RSVP by Friday, September 13th** and reserve your spot for a historic night!

Please **RSVP by Friday, September 13, 2019** by mailing the form & payment to Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club (PO Box 26233, Milwaukee, WI 53226) or pay online at <http://www.w9rh.org/100th-anniversary/>

Name: _____

Call Sign: _____

Email or Phone: _____

Number of attendees: _____ x \$25.00 = _____

Please Select Your Payment Type:

- Check: _____ (Please make checks payable to Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club)
- Cash: _____
- Date Payment Sent: _____

Questions: Email us at banquet@w9rh.org